Independence and Valley Forge National Historical Parks



2010 Summer Teachers Institute

From Inkwells to New Media





It is no longer enough to simply read and write. Students must also become literate in the understanding of visual images. Ernest Boyer, Former U.S. Commissioner of Education

Participate in a fun-filled week focusing upon the teaching of social studies using a variety of media and techniques. Sessions will include 18th century historic content as well as teaching strategies. We want you and your students to move beyond the textbook to the use of video, the web, primary sources, storytelling, writing, and other creative media in their studies of history.

Media literacy-- the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, and communicate information in a variety of forms-is interdisciplinary by nature.

Who: Teachers at all grade levels

When: July 12-16 or July 26-30, 2010

The program offered is the same each week

Each class limited to 24 participants

Where: Sessions will be held at both parks. Participants are responsible for getting to

program location each day.

Cost: \$150

All participants receive:

- Books and teaching resource materials.
- Behind the scenes looks at historic places and their collections.
- 32 hours of continuing education credits for Pennsylvania (Act 48) and New Jersey teachers.

The sessions planned for the week include:

Using New Media in Presenting History A Meeting with General George Washington Using the Web for the Classroom New Media Tools @ WHYY-TV Women during the Revolutionary Period Using Museum Collections in the Classroom Teaching History with Heroes Using Archeology in the Classroom

For applications, visit the For Teachers page at www.nps.gov/vafo or www.nps.gov/inde. Applications must be postmarked by April 2, 2010. Your \$150 payment will be requested later.

Accommodations for out-of-town teachers are available at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center at 800-575-1776. If you mention this workshop you will be able to get a low rate and assistance with transportation.

Here's what teachers from last year's Summer Institute had to say about the experience:

"This is the finest kind of professional development. It makes you think!"

"Thank you so much for the experience this week! I would absolutely recommend the course to my colleagues."

"The variety of presenters was excellent. It brought so much richness of perspective and expertise. Well chosen topics and activities made the days fly by! I honestly couldn't believe the day was over each afternoon. It went so quickly because it was so interesting."

"This week was worth every penny and every mile I drove from New York!!!"

Questions? Contact Jeffrey Collins at inde_education_comments@nps.gov or at (215) 597-1039 or Barbara Pollarine at Barbara_Pollarine@nps.gov or 610-783-1032.

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Application Please type or print on this form.

Name:
Address:
Phone: E-mail:
School:
Grade Level Taught:
Briefly describe why you are applying for this institute:
How many field trips do you take with your class each year?
Where do you regularly go on these field trips?

Briefly explain how you expect to use the content and techniques in your teaching:				
prefer to attend:	_	_		
July 12-16	July 26-30	No preference		

Do not send your check at this time. After you are selected, a check will be requested. This application should be postmarked no later than **April 2, 2010** and sent to:

Jeffrey Collins Independence Park Institute 143 South Third Street Philadelphia, PA 19106

Or sent via e-mail to jeffrey_collins@nps.gov by April 2, 2010.